

TRANSPORTATION DIVISION FUNDING STATUS

2020 Fiscal Year and Beyond



July 2020

Multnomah County must prioritize which services to preserve or increase and which services will need to be decreased or eliminated to stay within anticipated funding.

CURRENT SITUATION

Drop in Gas Tax Revenue Hitting Hard



The COVID-19 pandemic has caused a major decline in driving and resultant gas tax revenue for all transportation agencies, including Multnomah County.

Infrastructure in Long-Term Decline



Even before the pandemic, Transportation's costs have been rising faster than its revenues, so our funding now buys less than it used to. The result is infrastructure in long-term decline.

Important Projects on the Horizon



Multnomah County Transportation's Capital Improvement Plan identifies approximately \$3.7 billion in need for enhancements and projects over the next 20 years.

Search for New Funding Underway



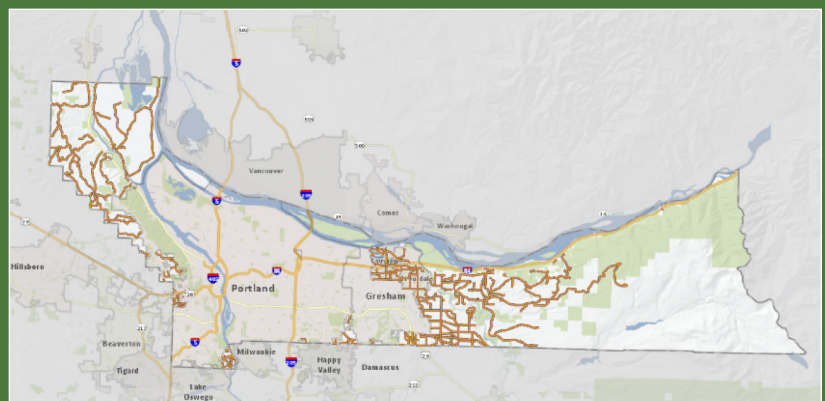
Due to COVID-19 and inflation, Multnomah County must find new funding to provide the transportation system people expect.

WHAT DOES MULTNOMAH COUNTY TRANSPORTATION DIVISION DO?

Plans for, operates, maintains, and constructs: roads, pedestrian and bicycle facilities, signals, culverts, and bridges.

Our service area:

- » West County unincorporated areas
- » Willamette River Bridges (Sellwood, Hawthorne, Morrison, Burnside, Broadway, Sauvie Island)
- » Major streets in Fairview, Wood Village, and Troutdale
- » East County unincorporated areas
- » NOT in Portland or Gresham



ALL ABOUT FUNDING

Where does the transportation funding come from?

- » State highway fund (primarily state gas tax, state vehicle registration fees, weight mile tax on trucks)
- » Multnomah County gas tax
- » Multnomah County vehicle registration fee
- » Competitive Grants
- » NOT from property taxes

What are the major constraints on how funding can be spent?

- » Historic Agreements with the cities of Portland and Gresham direct approximately 65% of State highway fund and Multnomah County gas tax to Portland and Gresham
- » A Historic Agreement with the city of Portland dedicates a certain portion of the State highway fund and Multnomah County gas tax to the County's six Willamette River Bridges
- » Oregon Law in combination with the Historic Agreements and the County's Ordinance constrain the County's vehicle registration fee to be spent only on the County's six Willamette River Bridges
- » The vast majority of the County's vehicle registration fee is dedicated to debt service for the new Sellwood Bridge and the upcoming Earthquake Ready Burnside Bridge project
- » Competitive Grant funds can only be spent on the project for which the grant was awarded.

What do transportation funds pay for at Multnomah County?

- » **Planning** – Permits for impacts to County infrastructure, review of development impacts on County infrastructure, long term planning, applications for grants, develop Capital Improvement Plan
- » **Maintenance** - Routine preventative maintenance, striping, sweeping, ditch and culvert cleaning, pavement repairs, graffiti removal, vegetation management, lift bridge mechanisms, snow and ice removal, emergency response
- » **Capital Construction** – Maintenance or system enhancement projects that are constructed by contractors (not County maintenance forces), valued from \$75,000 to multi-millions of dollars
- » **Engineering** – Oversee or perform the design for Capital Construction projects, oversee and inspect Capital Construction projects, provide engineering support to maintenance forces, provide engineering support to planning
- » **Debt Service** – Payments on loans (Sellwood Bridge, Earthquake Ready Burnside Bridge, 223rd railroad undercrossing)
- » **Payments to Cities** – Payments of State highway funds and County gas tax required by historic agreements with Cities
- » **General Management and Administration** – Administrative, financial, legal, personnel, general management and other functions to support the Transportation services
- » **Fleet, Facilities, Equipment** – Cost for vehicles, heavy machinery, buildings, office equipment, and other equipment to support Transportation services



Serving diverse communities in Multnomah County by looking after the County's transportation system to support social equity and economic well being, while protecting the environment.

The recently updated Transportation Capital Improvement Plan evaluated projects based on the criteria of Safety, Asset Management, Equity, Mobility, Resiliency, and Sustainability.